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Dear Sirs:

In response to a Status Inquiry filed April 3, 2003, applicant was advised by a letter received from the Patent and Trademark Office of May 1, 2003 indicating that the above-identified application was to be examined within 2 to 5 months of that date. As of February 11, 2004, no Office Action has been received. Applicant respectfully inquires as to when such an examination can be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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